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Applicants: Dean L. Engelhardt et al.)
Serial No. 08/486,066)
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Title: A SUGAR MOIETY LABELED NUCLEOTIDE, AND)
AN OLIGO- OR POLYNUCLEOTIDE, AND OTHER)
COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING SUCH SUGAR)
MOIETY LABELED NUCLEOTIDES)

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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE
COMMUNICATION**

(IN RESPONSE TO THE FEBRUARY 1, 2006 COMMUNICATION RE: APPEAL)

Dear Sirs:

This paper is in response to the February 1, 2006 Office Communication mailed in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the February 1, 2006 Office Action was originally due by March 1, 2006. This paper is accompanied by a Request For Extension Of Time (5 Months) and authorization to charge the requisite fee of \$2,160.00. Upon expected granting of the extension request, the new response deadline is August 1, 2006. Accordingly, this paper is being timely filed.

A **Substitute Specification** is submitted herewith as required by the Examiner in **APPENDIX**

A. A clean copy of the substitute specification is attached in **APPENDIX B**.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.